Any response shall be sent to the Commission's Office of General Counsel. Copies shall be sent to the Assistant Secretary of the Commission for FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Acts Compliance and to the person requesting the information.

- (6) The General Counsel, or his or her designee, shall have the authority to consider all appeals under this section from initial determinations of the Assistant Secretary of the Commission for FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Acts Compliance. The General Counsel may:
- (i) Determine either to affirm or to reverse the initial determination in whole or in part;
- (ii) Determine to disclose a record, even if exempt, if good cause for doing so either is shown by the application or otherwise appears;
- (iii) Remand the matter to the Assistant Secretary (A) to correct a deficiency in the initial processing of the request, or (B) when an investigation as to which the staff originally claimed exemption from mandatory disclosure on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 555(b)(7)(A) or 7 U.S.C. 12(a) is subsequently closed; or;
- (iv) Refer the matter to the Commission for a decision.
- (j) If the initial denial of the request for nonpublic records is reversed, the Office of General Counsel shall, in writing, advise the requester that the records will be available on or after a specified date. If, on appeal, the denial of access to a record is affirmed in whole or in part, the person who requested the information shall be notified in writing of (1) the reasons for the denial and (2) the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4) providing for judicial review of a determination to withhold records.

[51 FR 26870, July 28, 1986, as amended at 52 FR 19307, May 22, 1987; 62 FR 17069, Apr. 9, 1997]

## §145.8 Fees for records services.

A schedule of fees for record services, including locating, and making records available, and copying, appears in appendix B to this part 145. Copies of the schedule of fees may also be obtained upon request made in person, by telephone or by mail from the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Acts compliance staff,

Office of the Secretariat or at any regional office of the Commission.

(7~U.S.C.~4a(j)~and~16a~as~amended~by~Pub.~L.~97–444,~96~Stat.~2294~(1983),~and~5~U.S.C.~552,~552a~and~552b)

[41 FR 16290, Apr. 16, 1976, as amended at 49 FR 12684, Mar. 30, 1984]

## § 145.9 Petition for confidential treatment of information submitted to the Commission.

- (a) Purpose. This section provides a procedure by which persons submitting information in any form to the Commission can request that the information not be disclosed pursuant to a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552. This section does not affect the Commission's right, authority, or obligation to disclose information in any other context.
- (b) *Scope*. The provisions of this section shall apply only where the Commission has not specified that an alternative procedure be utilized in connection with a particular study, report, investigation, or other matter.
- (c) *Definitions*. The following definitions apply to this section:
- (1) Submitter. A "submitter" is any person who submits any information or material to the Commission or who permits any information or material to be submitted to the Commission. For purposes of paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section only, "submitter" includes any person whose information has been submitted to a designated contract market or registered futures association that in turn has submitted the information to the Commission.
- (2) FOIA requester. A "FOIA requester" is any person who files with the Commission a request to inspect or copy Commission records or documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.
- (d) Written request for confidential treatment. (1) Any submitter may request in writing that the Commission afford confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act to any information that he or she submits to the Commission. Except as provided in paragraph (d)(4) of this section, no oral requests for confidential treatment will be accepted by the Commission. The submitter shall specify the